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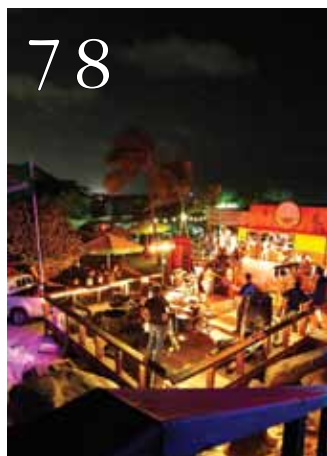
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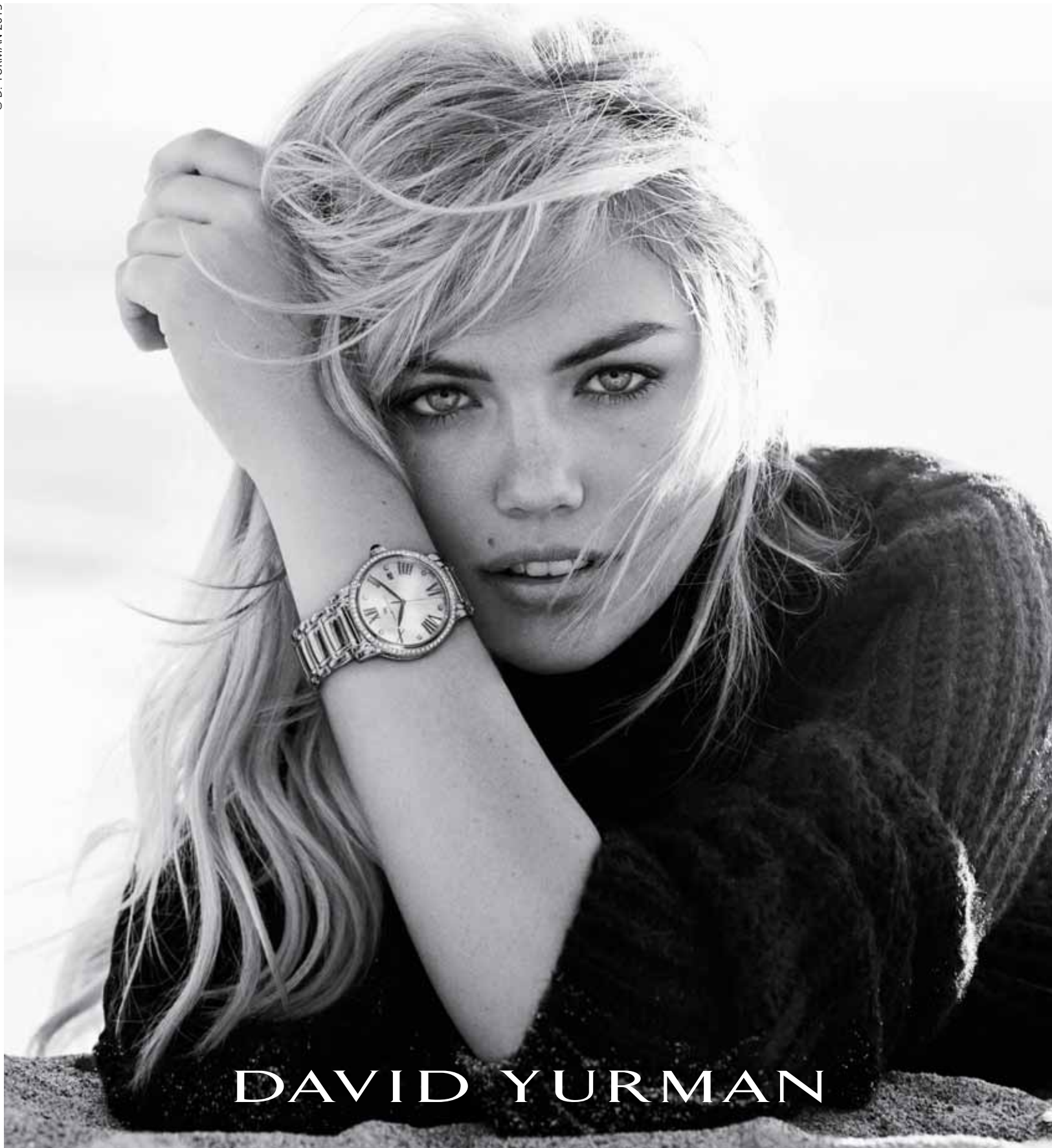
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Every Tuesday this festival happens rain or shine from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Fort Zoutman in Oranjestad. Enjoy island dancers and rhythms of the steel drums, browse stands of local artwork, and partake of food and refreshments.

### Caribbean Festival • Thursday Evenings

This street festival takes place in San Nicolas every Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., showcasing the multicultural charms of Aruba's "Sunrise City." Tourists can purchase packages, which include round-trip transportation, at their hotels, or they can journey on their own. Enjoy a diversity of cuisines from the region and a parade of local entertainers.

### Autism Halloween Zumba Party • October 30

Join the Island's fitness and dance fanatics and raise money for a good cause at the same time. Held at the Renaissance Convention Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### National Coastal Cleanup • November 10

In an effort to promote sustainable tourism and keep our beaches clean and beautiful for us and our island guests, everyone is invited to participate in the cleanup, with planned activities in the area between Surfside and Wilhelmina Park, the beaches of Arikok National Park, the California Sand Dunes, Wariruri, Baby Beach, Bachelor's Beach, Boca Grandi, Zeewijk Beach, Mangel Halto, Santo Largo, Arashi, Anaboei, and the open area between the former Bushiri Hotel and the Tamarijn Beach Resort.

### Aruba Beach Tennis International Championships • November 12-17

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### Sinterklaas Arrival • December

Children receive gifts on the birthday of Sinterklaas (Saint Nicolas). Sinterklaas, dressed in bishop's robes and accompanied by his Zwarte Pieten (helpers), officially arrives in Aruba a couple of weeks before his birthday. His arrival by boat at Paardenbaai Harbor in Oranjestad is celebrated with great fanfare.

### Dande Festival • December (day to be announced)

Over 50 singers accompanied by typical musical groups present their original compositions and lyrics as well as the traditional Dande song. A Dande group is a troupe of traveling musicians brightening the New Year with a song bestowing blessings, goodwill, and prosperity. Venue: TBA at 8:00 p.m.

### Carnaval 2014 • January-February

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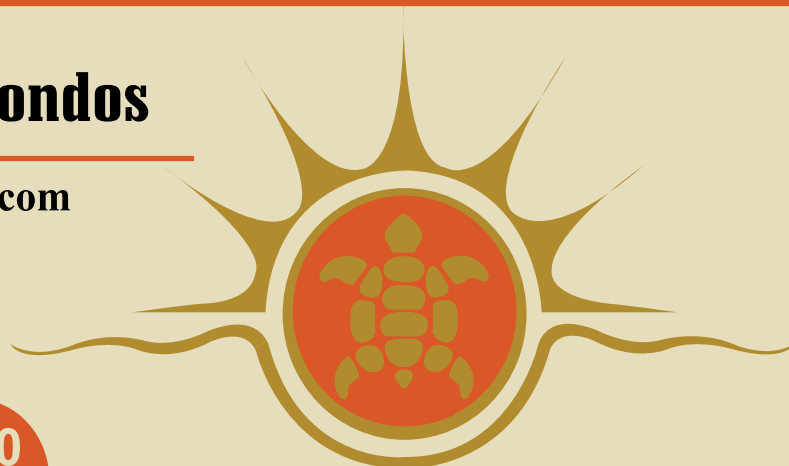
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# My Two Scents



## Chanel No. 19 (1971)

When I was a teenager, I discovered my love for perfume. The fragrances I enjoyed then were the loud sugar-coated concoctions that screamed “I love red Fanta!” My mom supported my newfound passion and tried to steer me towards more dignified young-woman fragrances like Colors by Benetton, Liz Clayborne, and Anais Anais. For years I thought perfume either needed to smell like something you’d love to eat (and would most likely get stuck in your teeth) or soft, clean, and floral.

It was a long time before I discovered that there was a world of “grown-up” perfumes. And of all the adult perfumes that I now know, the one that most thoroughly annihilates any hint of childish laughter, attempt at cuteness, or innocent joy is Chanel No. 19. The grown-up-est of them all.

Described all over the web as “venomous,” “aloof,” “detached,” and “immune to sweetness,” the perfume brings to mind a description of an evil stepmother. In their book *Perfumes: The Guide*, Luca Turin and Tania Sanchez call No. 19 the perfume for “any woman who has ever wished to know what it is like to be heartless.” Chanel No. 19 is a serious fragrance for women who are not playing around with perfume.

It is a difficult perfume to classify because it’s not a typical “green woody” or chypre scent, but

dissecting the fragrance reveals the quality of its components and the maturity of its personality. It opens with a spotlight on the scent of iris, the most expensive perfume ingredient in the world. Iris is an anti-floral, a flower that smells like leather and powder. The perfume then evolves into accords of musk, vetiver, and sandalwood. And behind it there are notes of galbanum (like balsamic greens) and an icy, acetone-like wintriness.

No. 19 was designed by Henry Robert, Chanel’s second in-house perfumer, known for searching out the most exclusive perfume ingredients. Born in Grasse, where most reputable perfumers are from, he created some of Chanel’s classics, including Pour Monsieur and Cristalle. The fragrance was named No. 19 to commemorate Coco Chanel’s birthday (August 19) the year she turned 87. It became an instant success when it was launched in 1971 and continues to be considered one of the most unique fragrances on the market.

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## Eau Sauvage, by Dior (1966)

If Don Draper from the TV series *Mad Men* wore cologne, Eau Sauvage would surely be his signature

scent. It is a fragrance for classic handsomeness—clean-cut, bright, effortlessly masculine, and straightforwardly sensuous. “Savage water” was the iconic men’s fragrance of the ‘60s, and today continues to top the charts of men’s bestsellers. Launched by Dior in 1966, the perfume also became wildly popular with women, leading to the creation of Diorella in 1972, which used the same base as Eau Sauvage but added notes of peach, rose, and honeysuckle.

The secret behind Eau Sauvage is the addition of a molecule called methyl dihydrojasmonate, otherwise known as hedione. Hedione is a synthetic molecule that makes things smell like dewdrops (*hydro*) on jasmine (*jasmonate*). When hedione is combined with the other notes in the fragrance (rosemary, citrus, anise, and a slight undercurrent of sweat), the resulting scent is like the smell after a rain shower in a citrus grove. It is brilliantly clean and fresh. Hedione is featured in countless men’s and women’s fragrances today (you can smell it in pure form in L’Eau d’Issey), but it is important to recognize that Eau Sauvage was the first to include it, making it a landmark scent in perfume history.

Eau Sauvage was designed by the French master perfumer and author Edmond Roudnitska, the creator of some of the world’s most notable scents (Diorissimo, Rocha’s Femme, Diorama). He not only made great contributions to the scent world, but was also interested in exploring the conceptual side of perfume and seeing it recognized as an art form. Roudnitska’s work heavily inspired one of my favorite perfumers, Jean-Claude Ellena (the head perfumer of Hermes).

Steeped in history and revolutionary moments in perfumery, Eau Sauvage continues to elegantly adorn men and women today.

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*Leoncita Rivera*  
General Manager Dufry Aruba N.V.

**Q. What was the first fragrance that you fell in love with?**

**A:** When I was young, the first perfume that I fell in love with was Safari by Ralph Lauren, and then Gianfranco Ferré 20 for Women by Gianfranco Ferré.

**Q. Do you save certain perfumes for special occasions? If so, what are the perfumes and for which occasions?**

**A:** VIP 212 for Women by Carolina Herrera and Gucci Guilty Black for Women by Gucci. I save them for special evening occasions.

**Q. Do you remember the perfume your mother wore?**

**A:** My mom wore Paloma Picasso by Paloma Picasso and Pure Poison by Dior. Every time I smell these, they bring me pleasant memories. Not too long ago, I gave her Pure Poison as a gift and she loved it.

**Q. If you could only have two perfumes for the rest of your life, which two would you choose?**

**A:** Coco Mademoiselle by Chanel and Chance Eau Tendre by Chanel. These could never be missing from my collection; Chanel is my favorite line for everyday use.

**Q. What was the last perfume you gave someone as a gift?**

**A:** Polo Red Eau de Toilette for Men by Ralph Lauren. I gave it as a special gift to my boyfriend and my uncle.

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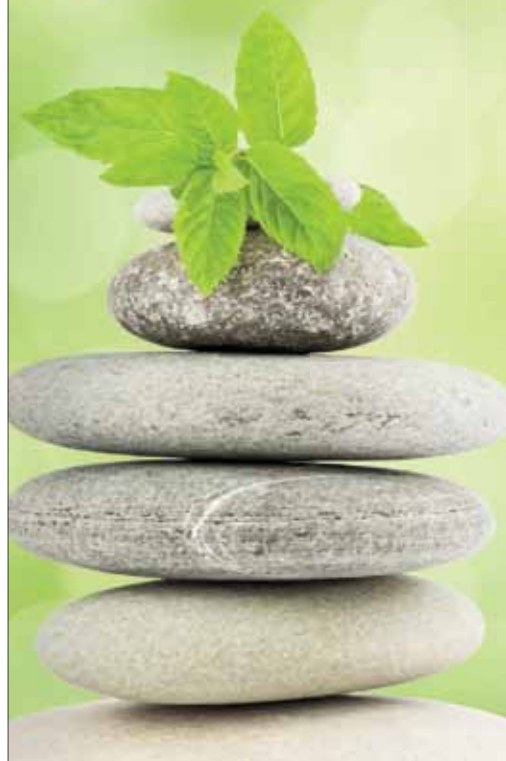
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## YOLO at Paseo Herencia, Palm Beach

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*Tina Causey-Bislick*

## Sushi Samba

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*Jennifer Coster*





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# *A Moment* in Island *Time*



## Aruban Traffic Jam

Location: Malmok • Date: August 9, 2013 • Time: noon  
*Catamarans and sailboats gather in mass off Aruba's coastline  
for an awesome afternoon of snorkeling.*

Photographer: Mariza Garcia



Location: Renaissance Aruba • Date: July 17, 2013 • Time: 11:00 am  
*This iguana enjoys a premium address with ocean views.*  
Photographer: Suelyn Dankerlui

## Penthouse View



## Best Friends

Location: Ponderosa Ranch  
Date: September 12, 2013  
Time: 4:30 pm  
*Local Zoey Arends spends much of her free time at the ranch taking care of and riding her horse, Maravilla.*  
Photographer: Mike Bislick



## Classic Beauty

Location: Piedra Plat Entertainment Center  
Date: March 18, 2013  
Time: 6:30 pm  
*Many of Aruba's classic cars come out to play on our nation's Flag & National Anthem Day.*  
Photographer: Kevin Wilford



## Postcard Perfect

Location: Playa Linda Beach Resort

Date: May 1, 2013

Time: 6:45 pm

*Spectacular sunsets in  
Aruba—a near everyday occurrence!*

Photographer: Gabrielle Ras Trimon



## My Wings Are Bigger Than Yours!

Location: Divi Links

Date: September 11, 2013

Time: 7:30 am

*A brown pelican shows off an impressive wingspan.*

Photographer: Ross Boss





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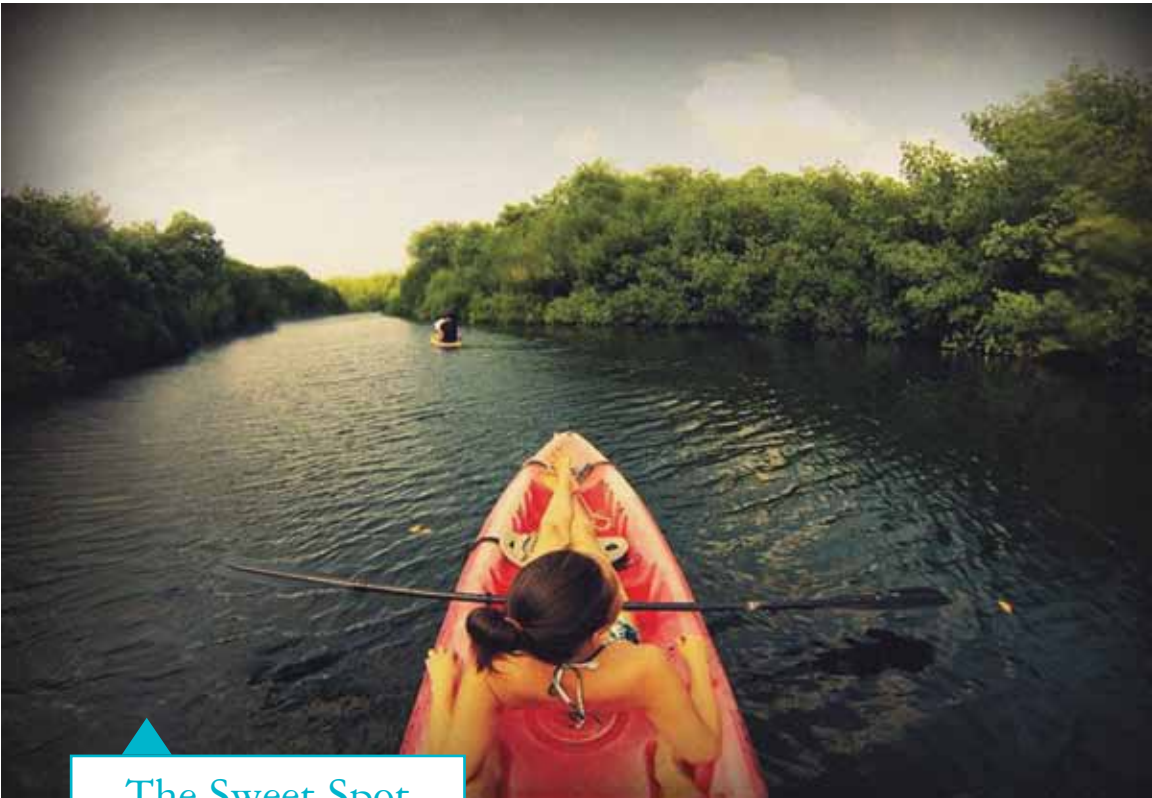
Island Siesta

Location: Rincon on the north coast  
Date: July 26, 2013  
Time: noon  
*Two local teens know how to keep cool in the midday sun.*  
Photographer: Mariza Garcia



Necessity Breeds Invention

Location: Boca Catalina • Date: July 31, 2013 • Time: 5:30 pm  
*Little Laura, vacationing here from Holland, is very resourceful using a clothespin, straw, and goggles to make her own snorkel set.*  
Photographer: Mariza Garcia



The Sweet Spot

Location: Spaans Lagoen • Date: July 29, 2013 • Time: 3:00 pm  
*A lush forest of mangroves makes Spaans Lagoen a local favorite for kayaking and paddleboarding.*  
Photographer: Joey Koevermans





## Birds of a Feather?

Location: Divi Links

Date: September 17, 2013

Time: 7:00 am

*Who says only birds of the same feather flock together? This great egret and tricolored heron share a branch and relax under the morning sun.*

Photographer: Ross Boss



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## Painting a Moment in Island Time

Location: Willem III Clock Tower

Date: March 18, 2013

Time: noon

*An artist paints Willem Toren paints his own  
moment in time during a community event held on  
Aruba's Flag & National Anthem Day.*

Photographer: Kevin Wilford



## Seashells by the Seashore

Location: Mora

Date: July 21, 2013

Time: 9:00 am

*Local tot Daxo Linderborg  
discovers seaside treasures.*

Photographer: Kyrenia Jonkhout-Delgado





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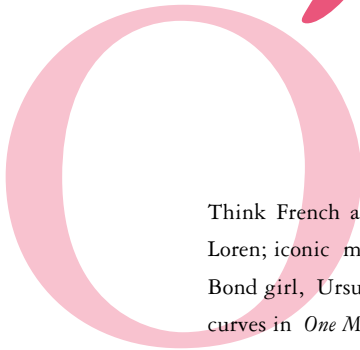
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# Bringing the '60s Sexy Back!

Art Direction and Text by Tina Causey-Bislick  
Photography by Steve Keith  
Shoot Coordinator: Rona Coster

One of my favorite fashion eras is the late 1960s and early 1970s. Think French actress and model Brigitte Bardot; steamy Italian actress Sophia Loren; iconic model Jean Shrimpton; Jane Fonda as Barbarella; the quintessential Bond girl, Ursula Andress; and who can forget Raquel Welch and her cavewoman curves in *One Million Years BC*?

Femininity and sensuality were mixed with quirky and funky styles. Hair was still teased and sprayed à la 1950s/early-1960s bouffant updos, but length and volume added an unmistakable sultriness. Makeup was bold—big eyes and muted lipstick colors.

Our annual swimsuit pictorial captures the spirit of this fashion era when swimwear was glamorous and accessorized with statement jewelry pieces. Shot on location at the Hyatt Regency Aruba, the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, and the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort. Hair and makeup by Gina Ferrari for Beauty Team. 



*Swimsuit available at The Juggling Fish  
Jewelry provided by Shivas Gold & Gems  
Shot on location at Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort*





*Swimsuit and sarong by Banana Moon  
Jewelry available at Rage Silver; Uno de 50 Collection  
Shot on location at the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort*







*Swimsuit and hat from De Palm's Coconuts  
Jewelry available at Shivas Gold & Gems  
Shot on location at the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort*







*Swimsuit by Banana Moon  
Jewelry available at Diamonds International,  
The Fifth Season by Roberto Coin  
Shot on location at the adults-only H2Oasis pool  
at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino*

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# Banana Moon



*Swimsuit from The Juggling Fish  
Jewelry available at Diamonds International, Rebecca Jewelry Collection  
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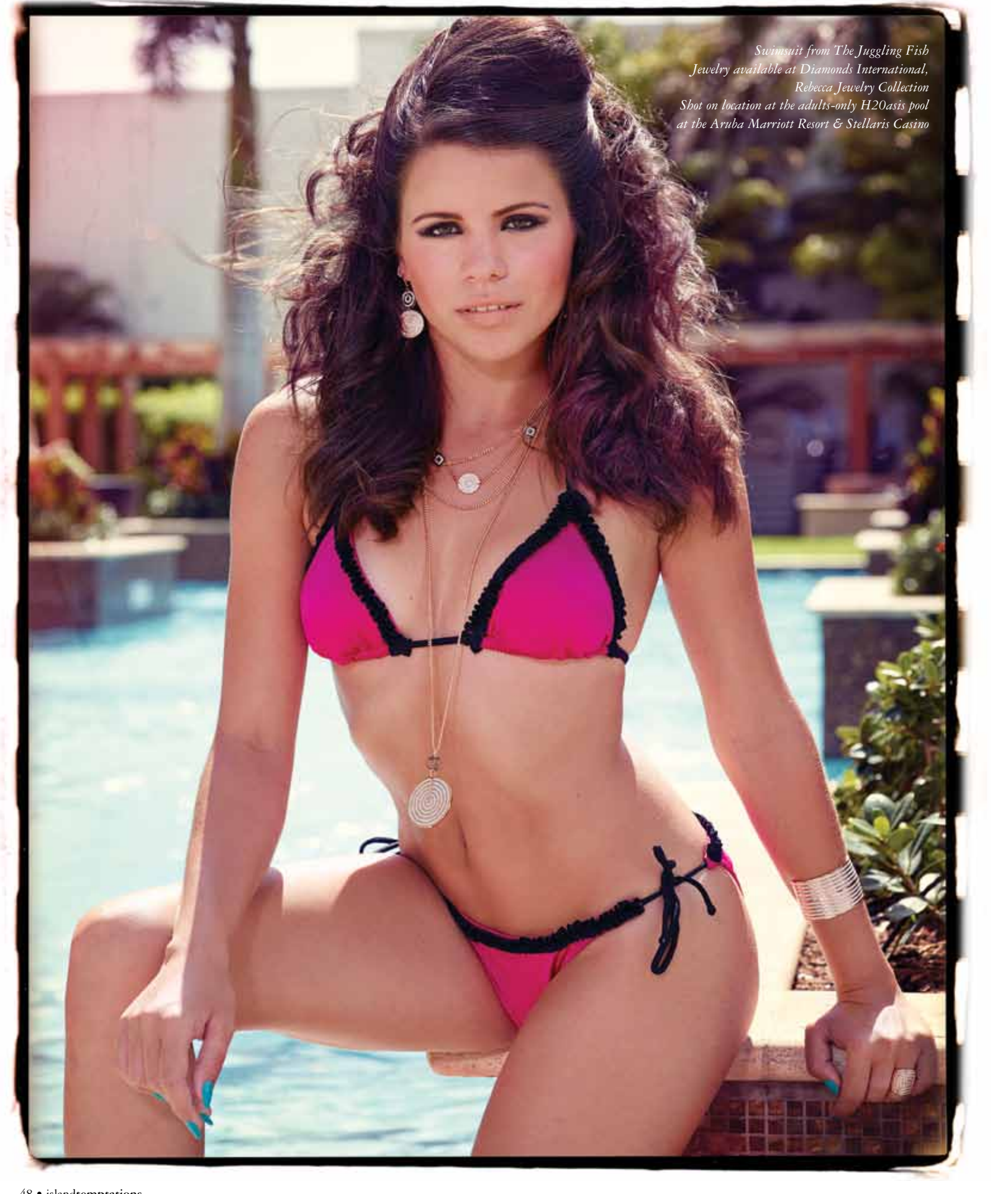
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*Cover-up from Banana Moon  
Jewelry available at Rage Silver,  
Uno de 50 Collection  
Shot on location at the  
Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort*





A full-page photograph of a woman with long, dark, wavy hair, wearing a bright pink bikini with black lace trim. She is sitting on the edge of a swimming pool, looking directly at the camera. She is wearing several pieces of jewelry: large hoop earrings, a multi-strand necklace with a large circular pendant, a wide silver cuff bracelet, and a ring. The background shows a pool and some foliage.

*Swimsuit from The Juggling Fish  
Jewelry available at Diamonds International,  
Rebecca Jewelry Collection  
Shot on location at the adults-only H2Oasis pool  
at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino*





*Swimsuit and beach bag available at De Palm's Coconuts  
Jewelry available at Rage Silver, Uno de 50 Collection  
Shot on location at the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort*





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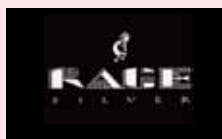
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SPECIAL FEATURE







# The Evolution of Oranjestad

Text by Tina Causey-Bislick  
Photography by Steve Keith

Once upon a time on a Saturday afternoon, mom, dad, and the kids, all dressed to the nines, piled into their Ford Galaxie and headed to “playa.” Playa—the Aruban term for downtown—was the place to shop, dine, see and be seen, and catch up with fellow islanders.

Downtown-Oranjestad streets, in particular Mainstreet (known then as Nassaustraat), bustled with activity. Dad needs a new set of wrenches? Brenchie’s Hardware Store was a gathering place for weekend handymen. New Sunday dresses for mom and daughter were most certainly purchased from La

Linda, the Island’s big department store, and every young boy could be found gazing at window displays of the latest erector set or model train. Lunch was enjoyed at places such as Harsveld Bakery & De Dissel lunchroom. Nights out on the town were relished at the harbor’s floating restaurant, Bali, or the Trocadero.

But as time passed and tourism flourished, areas like Mainstreet were competing with Palm Beach and its proximity to tourist dollars. Retailers and restaurateurs began positioning themselves in the heart of the tourist district. And while locals held



on and remained loyal to their custom of Mainstreet patronage for many years, eventually a lack of investment and general upkeep in the area deterred many of them as well.

The harbor area and L.G. Smith Boulevard held their own, thanks to investments by Eduardo de Veer in two large hotels (now the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino and Renaissance Marina Tower) and an indoor shopping venue attracting international high-end retailers, such as Gucci, Rolex, Louis Vuitton, and Cartier. The neighboring Renaissance Marketplace—an alfresco venue with dining, shopping, a casino, and the Island’s first cinema complex—and the iconic Royal Plaza—with its interesting blend of Dutch and Caribbean architecture conceived by the Lichtenstein family—also lured locals and tourists to the area. But a disconnect between this harbor/marina area and the Mainstreet district discouraged visitors from discovering the charms and historic architecture of the latter area.







But all that is changing. A government initiative to revamp the Mainstreet district is bringing new life to this precious slice of Aruban culture and tradition. As the saying goes, no pain, no gain, and as any local can attest, the journey to the rebirth of the area has not been easy. I count myself among the many who have had a hard time seeing the “vision,” my vision blurred by the aggravating bumper-to-bumper traffic we have all endured for the past two years while these backstreets have been dug up. Trooping through muddy construction zones while trying to shop was a major hassle. And I certainly did not envy any of the retailers trying to work around this mess (to put it mildly) on a daily basis.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel, and I was shown the way under the guidance of Minister Benny Sevinger, from the Ministry of Integration, Infrastructure, and Environment, and his “infra team.” My first question: Why oh why did the streets have to be dug up to install the rails for a streetcar? Why not go the easier and cheaper route and just buy a couple of those buses designed to look like a streetcar? The answer:



## SPECIAL FEATURE

In short, this is a long game we are playing, an investment in the future of downtown. The streetcar line, which is the first in the Caribbean, is a permanent feature; buses can break down and go away, the investment lost forever. Additionally, while putting in the infrastructure for the tram, all other government departments chimed in with upgrades to telecommunications and power lines, enabling all improvements to be part of a large, easily accessible underground tube, with the streetcar line running above. It was a historic opportunity to do it all in one shot. The streetcar line, designed by San Francisco-based company TIG/Modern Street Railways, is operated using green technology—powered by battery and charged by wind and solar energy—and is in line with our government's initiative that hopes to have Aruba transition to 100% renewable energy by 2020.

The streetcar line is the key—the main artery to connect to the heart of downtown. Oranjestad will have a vertical and a horizontal loop. The horizontal loop will lead visitors from the Plaza Paardenbaai at the cruise-ship terminal to the Plaza Museum, then along Mainstreet to the new Plaza Nikki Habibe, and back to Plaza Daniel Leo and Havenstraat. This loop offers various interesting cultural-discovery and shopping opportunities to visitors, who can hop on and off at seven smartly designated stops. The vertical corridor links the Central Post Office, the University of Aruba, and the San Francisco Church with the refreshed courthouse buildings and the Mainstreet, flowing



*Plaza Bon Bini*



*Plaza Daniel Leo*







*Plaza Mango*

into Plaza Padu and the seat of our government in the newly expanded City Hall and the Cocolishi building. Picturesque water fountains and lush landscaping, designed by Carlos Profet, who oversees the streetscapes of the entire project, will complete the improved and embellished look of Oranjestad.

Another vital route being developed includes the lagoon, which will become a charming expanded water element, visible from Mainstreet and adjacent to the fully restored historic building housing the new Rietveld Art Academy on Wilhelminastraat. The nearby abandoned gas station was redesigned by Glen Goddijn and will serve as the city inspector's office and a visitors' center with a green rooftop garden. The design, inspired by the colonial and Art Deco elements of local architecture, will represent the Oranjestad "school of style." The structure is already blessed by a light sculpture by artist Osaira Muyale, the first of many light elements that will be added to Oranjestad in an effort to transform it into a nighttime destination as well.





The entire scope of the project is both awesome and overwhelming. Having the opportunity to see the big picture of the project reminds me that Rome was not built in a day. Already, we are seeing beauty being uncovered and rediscovered. The streetcar line is up and running, beautiful landscapes are emerging, and now, instead of feeling dread when heading towards town, I open my eyes and look around at all the progress being made, understanding that Oranjestad, indeed, will offer both locals and visitors one of the most culturally charismatic and modernly progressive downtown scenes in the Caribbean.

*\* The downtown project thrives under the leadership of Minister Benny Sevinger, from the Ministry of Integration, Infrastructure, and Environment, supported by the Council of Ministers of Aruba, headed by Prime Minister Mike Eman.*

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# Coordinators of Fun

Text by Tina Causey-Bislick  
Photography by Steve Keith

Forget staring at a computer all day in some office cubicle, attending mundane meetings in boardrooms, taking in views of parking lots, and seeing the same faces at work day in and day out—these lucky folks spend their workdays on the beach and by the pool, meeting new people from all over the world and being an instrumental part of creating a memorable vacation experience for island visitors.

They work in the activities departments of island resorts, and it is their job to make sure everyone—from tiny tots and mom and dad to honeymooners and retirees—is having fun!

## Mignon Aal Playa Linda Beach Resort

As activities manager at this Palm Beach resort for the past seven years, Mignon, originally from the Netherlands, has successfully parlayed a university education in Holland in cultural and society studies, with a specialization in recreation and tourism, into a career. “When I was younger, I wanted to work in tourism so I would have the chance to travel and experience other cultures...I was able to do my internship within the tourism sector in Aruba at Playa Linda, and after







completing my eight months and returning back to Holland, I could only think of coming back,” shares Mignon. She was able to return to her island paradise via a full-time job offer from Playa Linda upon graduation, and she has not looked back!

Mignon’s responsibilities include teaching fitness classes—such as water aerobics, Pilates, and Zumba—which generated a passion for exercise and fitness within her. “It’s now a lifestyle for me, and being able to combine my passion and my work makes this job ideal for me,” she explains. Mignon also supervises the activities staff and develops new activities and excursions to keep things fresh and fun for guests of all ages. She is particularly enthusiastic about the resort’s Kid’s Club, which engages kids of all ages using the spacious resort grounds. “The kids love it there, and the parents often have problems getting their children to leave at closing time...we focus on different educational aspects as well, like reading and writing, science, exercise, recycling, and arts and crafts, but, of course, the main factor in all the activities is FUN!” she enthuses.

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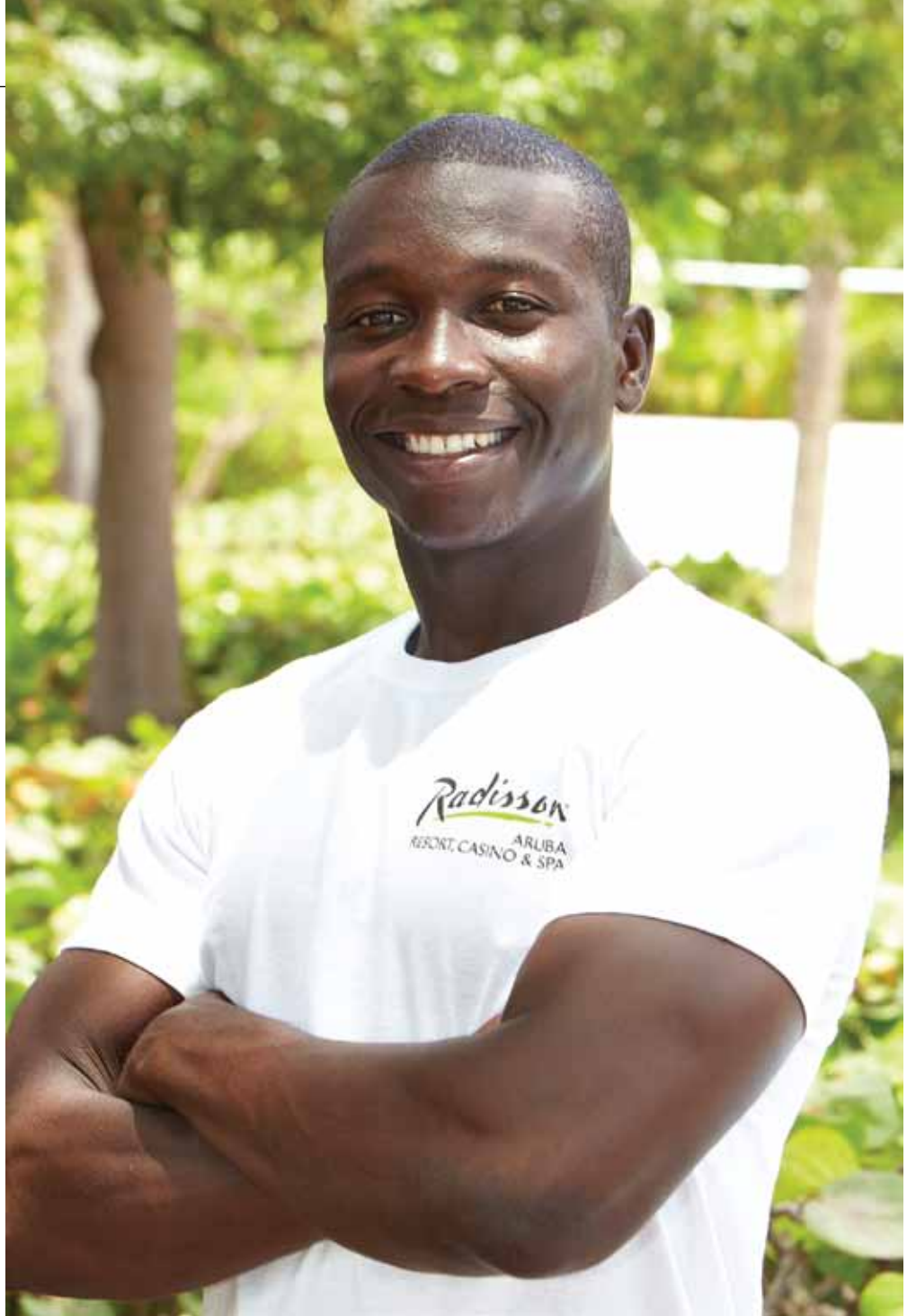
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## Lesly Icart Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa

Most people can only dream of having a job that feels more like a hobby, but Lesly is one of those fortunate enough to say that he really does love his job. As an activities coordinator in the Radisson's recreation department for almost four years, Lesly is the consummate caterer of entertainment.

"I think working in activities and with guests from all over the world is a natural talent—either you have it or you don't...however, it's important to continue to develop that talent so that you can offer your guests a wide array of activities," he says. His duties include assisting in coordinating, promoting, and implementing the resort's activities programs that change seasonally. "We have a great team that creates new and unique activities for all the seasons of the year, like our recent Discover Your Family Time summer program, where kids are entertained with activities like treasure hunts, arts and crafts, and interaction with our tropical birds while mom and dad get their "me" time to relax," Lesly explains. Lesly's favorite part of the job is meeting new friends. "Sometimes I think I have more friends living abroad than here in Aruba!" he exclaims.



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### Carlos Werleman The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba

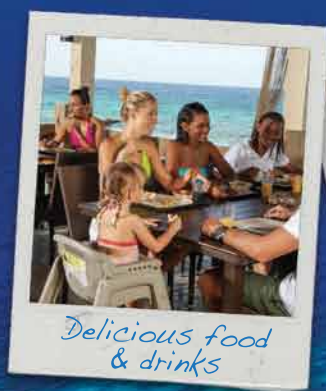
Carlos Werleman recently left his post at the front desk at the Westin for an entirely new challenge as recreation manager. "I have been in this department for about a year now, and it has been very rewarding to experience this side of the hotel," he says. Working at the front desk certainly allowed Carlos to hone his customer service and communication skills, but working in the recreation department has given him the opportunity to interact with guests of all ages.

"I am particularly proud of our Westin Kids Club and the associates working there, who have a genuine affection for children and understand that the children's vacation experience is just as important as their parent's," he affirms. The resort also shines in activities that engage the entire family. One night a week, families gather for a fireside camp to roast marshmallows; another evening, families share some stargazing time on state-of-the-art telescopes; and on a special afternoon, the little chefs out there prepare a meal for their parents under the tutelage of the chefs from the resort's Italian restaurant, Baci.

Carlos's favorite part of the job is seeing guests return year after year. "So many of our guests come back again and again, and getting to know them and their families over the years is priceless. Nothing is more rewarding than when a guest seeks me out to say hello," shares Carlos.







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### Barbara Franke Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa

The Manchebo is Aruba's only resort with dedicated yoga vacations and packages. Several yoga classes are offered every day (except Sundays), and for the past year, Pilates has been part of the menu as well. One of the instructors is Barbara Franke, who finds the resort's outdoor pavilion an ideal venue for Pilates classes. "I had been working at a Pilates studio on the Island, and when it closed, one of my students was the general manager here at Manchebo...he had the idea that just like yoga, Pilates would be a good activity to put in the mix, and when I saw the location, I was thrilled," she says.


Barbara's road to the world of Pilates began years ago in her homeland of Holland, where she took a fitness course from Debby Jenner, who is credited with introducing Holland to the aerobics craze that began in the U.S. in







the 1980s. Barbara has seen her way through many of the fitness-class genres—from basic aerobics and step aerobics to Callanetics—but it is Pilates that she enjoys and finds the most beneficial for overall body conditioning. “Pilates helps to build flexibility, muscle strength, and endurance with an emphasis on core work,” she explains.

Barbara teaches three morning classes a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 am and Saturdays at 8:15 am), and classes are complimentary for resort guests. Guests from other resorts often take the classes (for a per-class fee), and through word of mouth, Barbara has developed a strong local following as well. “I love to teach—you can see it because I just always have a big smile on my face during class...and to be able to teach in such a spectacular beach setting is so special, and after a hard workout, we can reward ourselves with a refreshing dip in the sea!” 

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# Cuddles, Belly Rubs & Second Chances

## AT THE ARUBA ANIMAL SHELTER

Text by Debbie Kunder  
Photography by Steve Keith

**T**he pet lovers among us know and cherish the unbridled love showered upon us by our pets whenever we return home. It's this same frenzied, I'm-so-incredibly-happy-you're-back welcome that gets me every time I enter the front gate of the Aruba Animal Shelter, where I put in a few hours on Monday and Thursday mornings to help carry

out the shelter's mission: to improve the lives of dogs and cats on Aruba. This mission relies on the donations of contributors and, of course, the concerted efforts of a committed bunch of volunteers with veterans Eva Herry and Sandy Willemsen at the helm. It's a motley group, its members ranging from longtime volunteers to youngsters pitching in during the summer break. But all the volunteers have one thing in common: the devotion to giving





the neglected dogs and cats of Aruba a second chance at life. What does this look like on a daily basis? Allow me to share with you my typical day at the shelter.

When I arrive in the morning, I make sure to allow a little extra time for my customary dose of face licking and for giving a few minutes of much-appreciated belly rubbing. Work usually begins for me in the puppy area, and the first order of business is feeding the little fellas. We lay out their bowls of morning chow in an area separate from where they've stayed all night, making possible one of my favorite moments of the day—the puppy feeding stampede! Opening the gate that separates those squirming, yapping puppies from the feast of their desires and watching as their uncoordinated little selves make a beeline for the bowls, their teeny behinds wiggling in excitement as they dig into their breakfast—it's absolutely priceless. The only thing that makes this moment sweeter is when one or two of the puppies veer off from the rest of the stampede and renounce breakfast (temporarily, mind you) to come over and bask in my attention instead.

Of course, what goes in must come out, so while the puppies delight in filling up their little bellies, I start in on doodie duty. Puppy poop is a pretty messy matter, so we bring in the big guns—a heavy-duty power washer. We also make use of strong cleansers in the hopes of keeping bacteria and viruses at bay. Canine parvovirus is our enemy number one. When the virus hits the shelter, it's a constant battle to try to contain it, quarantining puppies that show signs of the virus and being as careful as possible to prevent spreading.

By now, as I'm finishing up with the power washing, I might look out into the common area and notice that a new face or two (canine, that is) have joined the ranks. These are the shelter's newest rescues. Once the day's rescues have been brought into the shelter, they slowly become acquainted with the other dogs/cats. There usually ensues some combination of butt-sniffing, hair-bristling, and playful ruckus—in short, relationships are established. Some dogs walk into the place as if they already own it, invariably earning names like Macho or Max. (A brief note on naming: In addition to Lady and Gucci, common names include Jip and Janneke, often given to a male and female, respectively, that are rescued on the same day. I have come to find out that Jip and Janneke are the names





of the main characters in a popular Dutch children's book series. Yes, many of my fellow volunteers are Dutch.) Other new arrivals spend a bit of time with their tails between their legs before warming up to their new surroundings and fellow shelter mates. The newbies are fed, given water, washed, and sponged down with an anti-tick solution. If things aren't too hectic, I try to take the opportunity to hijack one of the just-washed puppies, swaddle it in a towel, and luxuriate in its cuteness as it settles into a nice postprandial nap in my lap. I tell ya, it doesn't get much better than this. (Well, ok, puppy licks are also pretty nice too. Have you ever noticed that puppy breath smells like coffee?)

The rest of the morning is filled with helping visitors find the perfect pet, registering the newbies, more cleaning, removing ticks, plenty of other odd jobs, and simply spending time with the animals, which is surely one of the most important "jobs" of all. There might even be a "puppy explosion." (It's

a rare occurrence, which makes it even more special!) This happens when Eva decides that the puppies need a bit of socializing. Out of nowhere, you'll hear Eva playfully yell out "Puppy explosion!" in her lilting German-accented English as she lets the entire bunch out of the puppy area to overtake the common area. (Imagine the excitement of children being let out for recess.) The puppies are given the chance to interact a bit with the older dogs, which either welcome a bit of play or communicate their preference to be left alone with a grumpy growl.

Meanwhile, we're all waiting for the call from the vet located just next door (Veterinaire Kliniek Wayaca) letting us know they are ready for us. We use the vet's services on a daily basis in order to ensure the health of all our animals. The clinic administers blood checks and vaccinations, and of course, medical attention when needed. We also make use of the clinic's spaying and neutering services, making certain that all our adult dogs and

cats are sterilized before being adopted. To help ensure that a new owner takes their newly adopted puppy or kitten to get sterilized when old enough, the price of adoption includes sterilization.

The visit to the vet rounds out our day. We'll add a few finishing touches—make sure everyone has fresh water and that everyone is in their proper place—and then we call it a day. Is it hard to leave these sweet animals behind as I make my way home to my own pets and a much-needed shower? Well, I do always seem to have a few favorites that I'd love to bring home with me and add to my family. But we already have two dogs, and the hubby says no more. At the same time, however, I feel at peace with leaving the shelter at the end of my shift. The Aruba Animal Shelter is quite a happy temporary home, and while adoption by a nice family trumps the shelter any day, it's a rather agreeable place to be waiting for that family to arrive.





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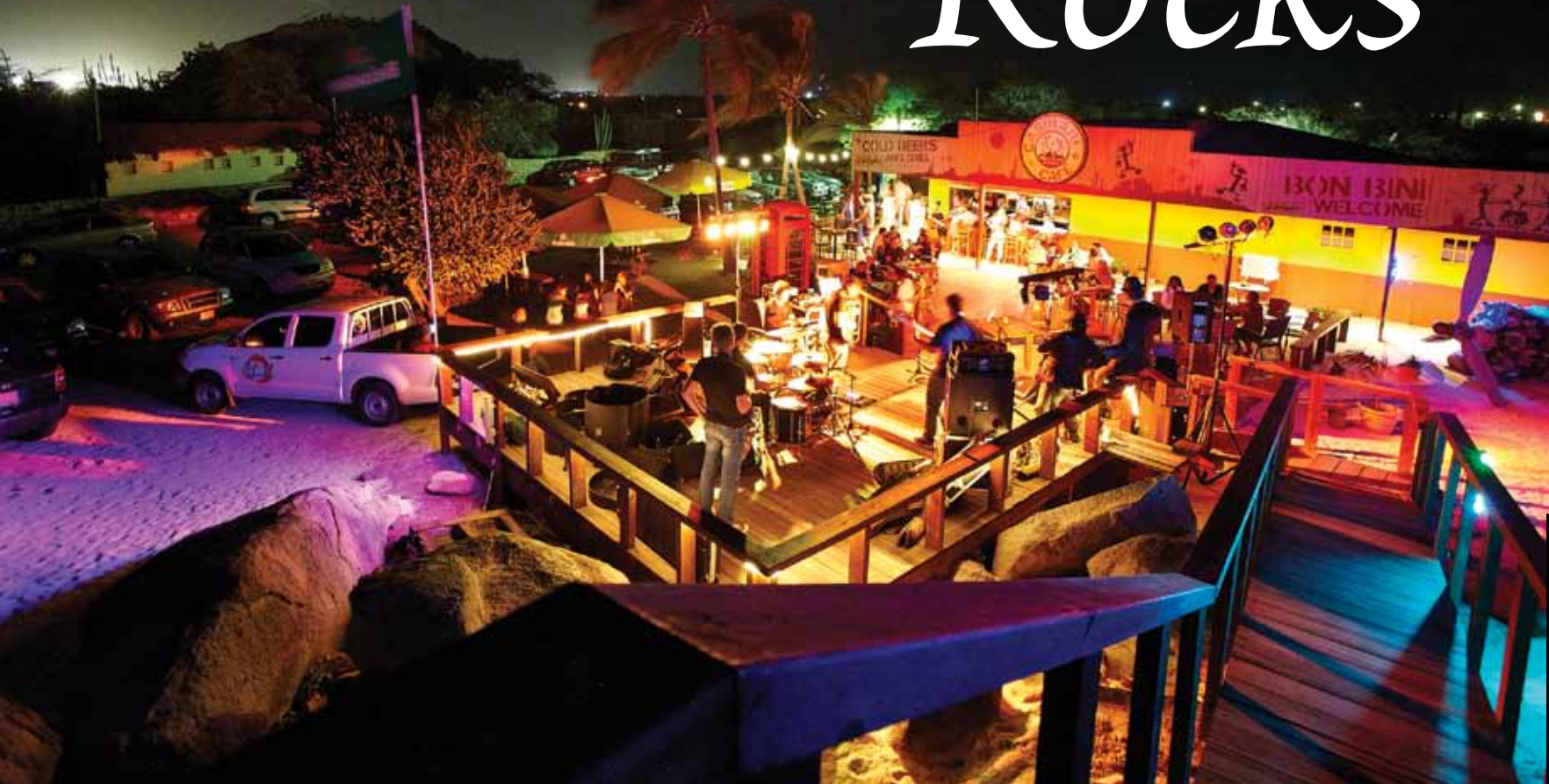
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# Rocking on the Rocks



## Casibari Café—the Island's newest music venue

Text by Tina Causey-Bislick  
Photography by Steve Keith





Aruba is full of hidden gems—you just need to venture away from the beach to find some of them. One of my newest favorite hangouts is Casibari Café. Located in the center of the Island with Hooiberg standing sentry nearby, Casibari by day is a popular tourist attraction. The area is an intriguing geologic mystery, with huge tonalite boulders rising up out of the desertscape (one theory is that tectonic plates collided, forcing the boulders to the surface).

For years, a small souvenir-and-gift shop, offering bottled water and a few other refreshments to relieve thirst from the hot sun, was located at the base of the rock formations, but a new generation has brought innovative life to this unique spot. Erik Eman, who took over the space from his father about a year ago, has partnered up with food-and-beverage front man Sjoerd Rutte to pair tasty,

casual food with live music, giving the place an entirely new vibe once the sun goes down.

By trade, Erik is a popular local musician and owner of lighting-and-sound company Purple Entertainment Group. Food and beverage is not his arena, so a partnership with Sjoerd to handle the everyday goings-on of a restaurant serving both lunch and dinner was the way to go.

Casibari serves sandwiches, salads, and wraps (the grouper wrap is a favorite) for lunch, and in the evening, the mammoth circular grill is fired up and loaded with Aruban favorites like lomito, pork chops, and burgers.

But to me, what makes this place is the nighttime ambiance—especially on Wednesday evenings when live music dances off the trade winds. And it has Erik's stamp all over it: his talents in lighting and sound are on display, with



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The venue, Erik promises, will see more events and special performances in the near future, and it's also available for private parties and events.

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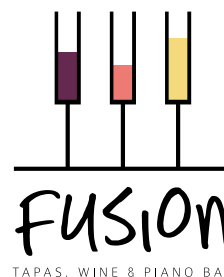
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# Queen for a Month

Text by Debbie Kunder  
Photography by Steve Keith

For the past 20 years, local entrepreneur Jodi Tobman has witnessed the creative spirit of women living on Aruba. Carnival season after Carnival season, she's been spellbound by the artistic talent behind the splendid handmade costumes and headpieces parading in the streets. She's also been inspired by the craftsmanship of local women who make their own jewelry and accessories, but who, lacking access to the mainstream market, end up giving away the fruits of their labor to friends and family, never discovering the full value of their work. Ms. Tobman's desire to support the artistic endeavors of her fellow countrywomen and foster entrepreneurial spirit was a driving force in the opening of her fashion

boutique, Caribbean Queen, at Palm Beach Plaza Mall, in December 2011. In addition to offering gorgeous accessories that ooze Ms. Tobman's signature excellent taste, the boutique serves as a platform for local female artisans to promote their work. Each month, the boutique crowns a new "Caribbean Queen," whose handcrafted work is prominently displayed for purchase. The more recent queens have also presented workshops where they demonstrate how they create their wares to the community. The program is rather ingenious, really. The artisans receive excellent exposure, island guests have the opportunity to purchase and take home a genuine made-in-Aruba product, and perhaps most laudable of all, the artisans inspire fellow local women to create.





### Carina Molina

Artist & Designer

Caribbean Queen for January 2012

This talented Argentine had the honor of serving as the boutique's first queen with her Upcycled Designs line. The line celebrates environmental responsibility, fun, and trendiness, featuring handbags, belts, and jewelry fashioned from recycled tire tubes. Creative add-ons and unexpected details turn her accessories into conversation pieces. More recently, Carina's artistic interests lie in human-figure drawing and decoupage.

### Gabriela Gonzalez

Artist & Designer

Caribbean Queen for February 2012

Ms. Molina abdicated the throne to lampworker and fellow Argentine Gabriela Gonzalez, who presented a gorgeous collection of handcrafted glass-bead jewelry at Caribbean Queen in February 2012. Although lampworking with Murano glass is her favorite artistic channel (she feels as though she's "painting with fire"), Gabriela is now starting to make jewelry from seaglass found on Aruba's beaches. She has



also delved into the process of cutting recycled glass bottles to make unique drinking glasses and other repurposed vessels.

### Omaira Toro

Artist & Designer

Caribbean Queen for March 2012

In March 2012, Omaira Toro presented a collection of pieces from her jewelry brand, Omaira's Bohemian Style. Born in Colombia but living in Aruba for over 20 years, this soft-spoken artist likes to juxtapose opposites in her work: square with round, light with heavy, man-made with natural. Her necklaces, bracelets, and rings feature quality materials, including leather, wire, glass gems, precious metals, and natural seeds.

### Anchie Malmberg

Artist & Designer

Caribbean Queen for April 2012

Aruban-born Anchie Malmberg earned the crown for her collection of fun earrings and necklaces. Originally inspired by American and English pop culture of the '70s and '80s, Anchie favors long, dangly designs and big hoop earrings, incorporating lots of bright colors and materials such as beads, stones, and gems. Today, her work is also inspired by her "dushi" island of Aruba.

### Annemiek van Vliet

Photographer

Caribbean Queen for May 2012

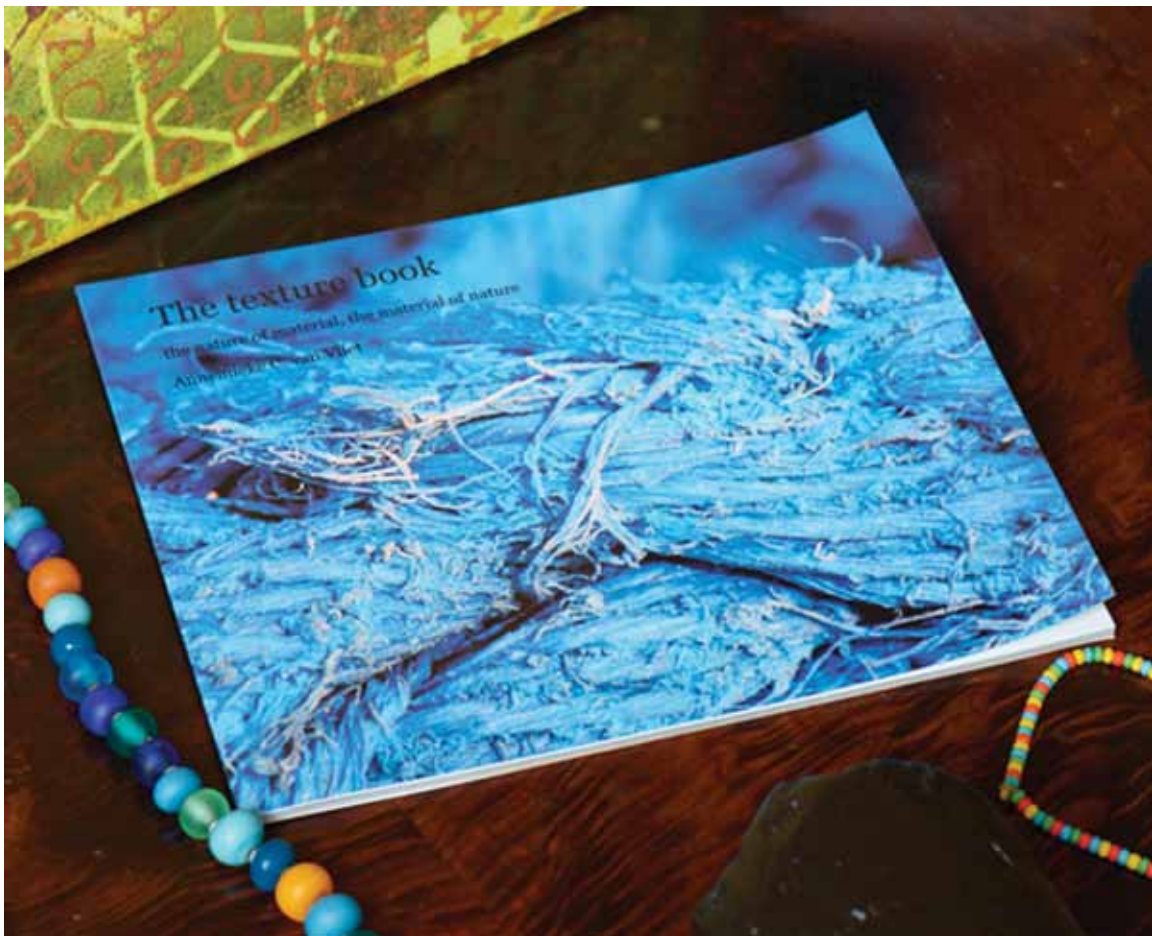
While the work of most of the boutique's featured artists adorns the body, the work of Annemiek adorns the home or office. Her photography reflects her penchant for old architecture and her love affair with nature, which began many years ago when her family moved from the Netherlands to the Aruban countryside. Annemiek now lives just outside Arikok National Park, where she spends much of her free time capturing the Island's raw natural beauty with her camera.

### Marcia Solognier

Artist & Designer

Caribbean Queen for June 2012

While living in St. Maarten—with its exotic West Indian atmosphere, the exquisite food, and the tropical art galleries—Marcia Solognier was inspired to create beautiful things, including women's







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handbags, which became an instant hit in St. Maarten, and later in her homeland of Aruba as well. Her line of handcrafted handbags, featuring Swarovski crystals, printed suede, beads, feathers, and silk flowers, graced the display tables at Caribbean Queen during the month of June 2012. If you missed it, don't worry—she happily fills custom orders.

### Massiel Genser

Contemporary Accessory Designer

Caribbean Queen for July 2012

Born in the Dominican Republic and raised in Aruba, this young, self-taught artist reigned as Caribbean Queen for July 2012, presenting her Tutti Frutti collection. Her signature material? Thick wire of all different colors. She combines this pliable material with glass and wood beads, natural seeds, and mineral stones to create fun earrings, rings, necklaces, bracelets, and hair bands. She also fills custom orders.

### Candy Rasmijn-Reino

Jewelry Designer

Caribbean Queen for August 2012

Candy Rasmijn-Reino succeeded to the throne at Caribbean Queen in August 2012. She uses a variety of materials—sterling-silver and gold-plated thread, leather, precious and semi-precious stones, freshwater pearls, and zirconium—to create rings, bracelets, earrings, and necklaces, her designs ranging from vintage to contemporary. Her accessories are now available at Caribbean Clothing Co. on Mainstreet in downtown Oranjestad.

### Daphne Agius Cesareo-Lejuez

Artist & Designer

Caribbean Queen for September 2012

Daphne earned the Caribbean Queen title for her handmade jewelry collection, Hanini Creations, named after the Maltese term of endearment showered upon her often by her Maltese husband. The desire to craft original jewelry for her young daughter inspired the collection, consisting of pieces fashioned from string, leather cord, and beads made from crystal, china, bone, wood, and metal.

### Elizabeth van Brede

Artist & Designer

Caribbean Queen for October 2012

Ceramicist Elizabeth van Brede presented a beautiful line of unique and feminine jewelry at Caribbean Queen during her monthlong reign. All the pieces in the collection were fashioned from porcelain clay beads that she fired and then







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hand-decorated with her original designs at her studio/gallery, Boundless Art, where she also crafts large bowls and gives ceramics classes. Elizabeth specializes in making larger jewelry pieces to accommodate the oft-neglected larger woman.

### Elisa Lejuez Peters

**Artist**

**Caribbean Queen for November 2012**

A big name within Aruba's art world was designated Caribbean Queen for November 2012—Elisa Lejuez Peters. Elisa is well known for her silkscreen work, so it is unsurprising that her collection at Caribbean Queen included 20 small silkscreen canvas prints with acrylic-paint and mixed-media accents. Different patterns hailing from various cultures inspired the collection, with her bright color choices clearly reflecting the warmth of the Caribbean.

### Marian Abath

**Artisan Jewelry Maker**

**Caribbean Queen for December 2012**

Marian Abath took over the role of Caribbean Queen in December 2012, presenting a beautiful collection of handmade glass objects, including paperweights and jewelry. Marian created the pieces using techniques such as fusing, kiln casting, glass blowing, and flame working, choosing colors found in Aruba's natural world. Along with her husband, local artist Ciro Abath, Marian runs Terrafuse, a foundation that helps to promote art on Aruba by offering a variety of classes to the public.

### Omaira Silva

**Mosaic Artist**

**Caribbean Queen for January 2013**

Mosaic artist Omaira Silva rang in the new year as the Caribbean Queen for January 2013. This Aruban fell in love with the art of mosaic when she was living in Mallorca, Spain, reputed for its impressive Moorish mosaics produced almost 1,000 years ago. Back in Aruba, Omaira developed the newfound passion, becoming an established artist and later a teacher. Her collection of decorative pieces at Caribbean Queen was created using ceramic tile, colored glass, stone, mirror, and other materials.

### Anita Otilia Hugen

**Artist**

**Caribbean Queen for February 2013**

Anita brought a collection of bold and colorful glass

jewelry to Caribbean Queen during her queenly reign in the month of February 2013. In addition to her own artistic work, backed by years of formal study, Anita also serves as the art teacher at the International School of Aruba. As a teacher, Anita is able to share with her students the discoveries she makes while experimenting with color, texture, patterns, and different techniques.

### Belinda de Veer

**Artist**

**Caribbean Queen for March 2013**

Artist Belinda de Veer earned her place on the throne at Caribbean Queen with her copper-and-beach-glass

jewelry in March 2013. The collection was inspired by a solo exhibition she presented in October 2012, which featured a sculpture made of copper cables from the now-defunct oil refinery on the southern tip of Aruba. The pieces in her copper jewelry collection are meant to remind the wearer of the importance of change and sustainability.

### Desiree Rep-Sporkslede

**Visual Artist**

**Caribbean Queen for April 2013**

Desiree Rep-Sporkslede brought her collection of bold jewelry, bags, and statement-making art to Caribbean Queen in April 2013. The collection focuses on





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taking discarded materials and turning them into pieces that communicate the importance of recycling. Many of the pieces also act as commentary on specific social issues, such as the dynamics of consumerism in today's world. Desiree is also an art professor and the director of Aruba Art au Plateau Foundation.

### Kimberly Wever

Artist

Caribbean Queen for May 2013

Kimberly "Zsa Zsa" Wever was ushered in as the new Caribbean Queen in May 2013. This Aruban founded her own business at the age of 21 when she launched her own line of jewelry, ZSA ZSA. To create her chic and fun collection for Caribbean Queen, Kimberly made use of a technique known as wire wrapping, incorporating materials such as Swarovski crystals, freshwater pearls, and semi-precious gemstones, including quartz, turquoise, and amethyst.

### Sandra Ospina

Artist

Caribbean Queen for June 2013

Sandra Ospina hails from Colombia, where her father worked as an artist, inspiring her to follow in his footsteps. The fruits of this inspiration are her unique and beautiful cigar-box handbags, which took center stage at Caribbean Queen during June 2013. Of course, the boxes themselves are recycled, and Sandra uses other recycled materials as well to create her bags, including wine corks, key chains, dice, and cabinet-door handles. Sandra donates 10% of all proceeds from her work to Casa Cuna, the local orphanage and children's home.

### Trudy Lampe

Artist

Caribbean Queen for July 2013

Trudy Lampe brought the colors and energy of the Caribbean into the boutique with her collection

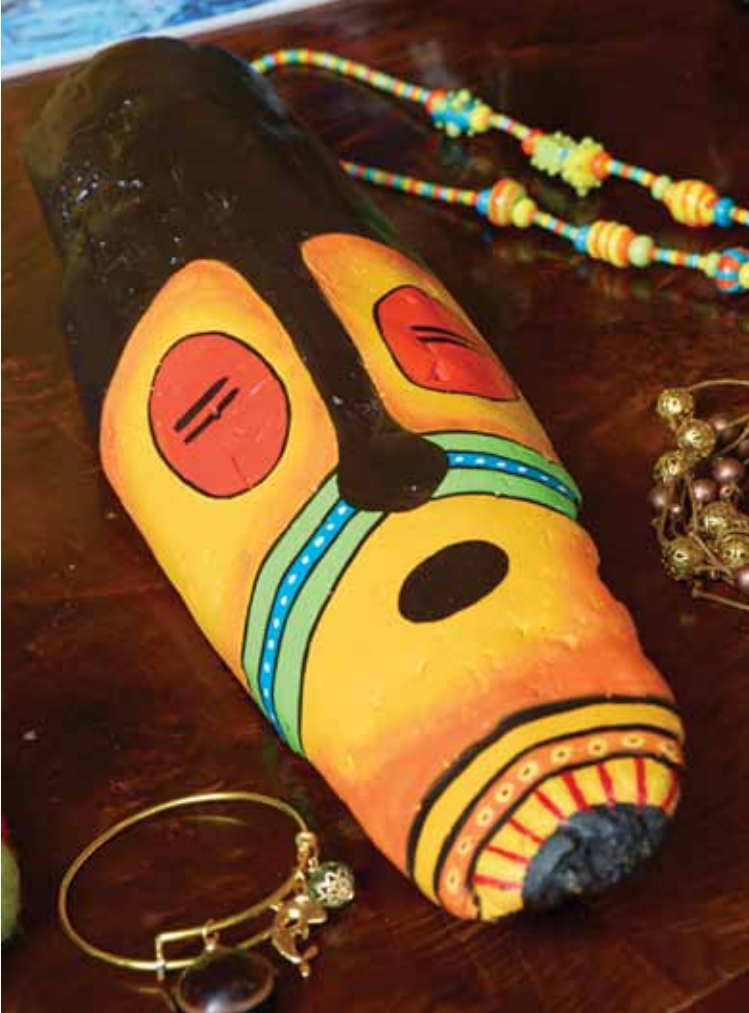


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of Afro-Caribbean driftwood masks. This Aruban-born artist also creates pottery at her own studio, and she sells her wares to island guests at an open-air market in downtown Oranjestad. She enjoys painting landscapes on her works and uses the Caribbean's bright and happy colors to reflect her carefree lifestyle in the warm weather.

### Abigail Vrolijk

#### Artist


#### Caribbean Queen for August 2013

Abigail Vrolijk's sewing prowess put her in the spotlight at Caribbean Queen. This past August, she presented her collection of handmade purses and handbags. Her own imagination is the source of her artistic inspiration, but she also looks to nature for interesting forms and color combinations to incorporate into her designs. Amazingly, she finds time for her artistic hobby despite her roles as a mother of two, a full-time accounting officer, and law student.

### Melisa Richardson

#### Artist

#### Caribbean Queen for September 2013

During her reign as Caribbean Queen, self-taught accessory designer Melisa Richardson brought cuteness epitomized into the boutique with her collection of handmade earrings, bracelets, hair bands, and other accessories. She tends toward the "vintage Caribbean" look, mixing all sorts of materials such as glass, acrylic, fabrics, and wood. Her accessories are available through her online business, MelisaMae Designs, and someday, she wants to own her own little accessory shop. 

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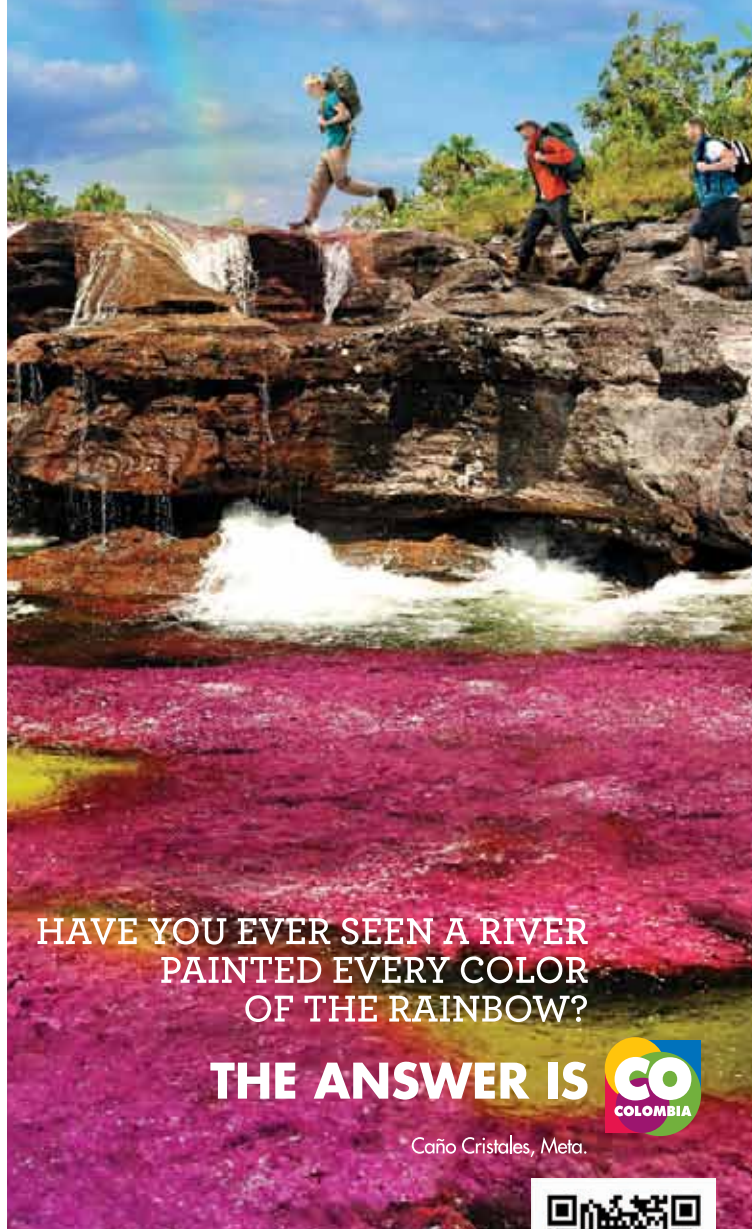
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## MasterCard introduces Priceless Aruba

An elegant sunset reception held this August at Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort's Pure Ocean marked the official launch of Priceless Aruba by MasterCard. MasterCard now delivers great offers and priceless experiences in several cities around the world, and Aruba is now a part of that glittering group of destinations, which includes locales like the Bahamas, New York, and London.

The Priceless Aruba experience has exclusive offers for activities, dining, car rentals, accommodations, and shopping, which can be redeemed at 40 local businesses around the Island. In order to redeem the exclusive offers from the select group of merchants, MasterCard holders are asked to present a detachable "Exclusive Offers Card" from a useful guide and map created and printed by MasterCard, available at all participating merchants on the Island.

To help launch the exciting program on the Island, Sebastian Barletta, vice president and territory head of the Eastern Caribbean for MasterCard, and Lorena Holguin, marketing vice president for MasterCard in the Caribbean, came to Aruba to personally meet and greet participating merchants, bankers, and partners from the Aruba Tourism Authority.



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# Visser Pharmacy opens convenient Super Food location

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New lines have been introduced at the new location, including Chicco and Visser's new house brand, MEDIQ.

The pharmacy and health-care boutique stocks a wide assortment of vitamins and skin-care products. It's also the exclusive retailer for two premium brands: Avène, which is a dermatology-based cosmetic skin-care brand from France, and Eucerin, which is a gentle and highly effective skin-care brand from Germany.



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## Bucuti's Elements offers beachside-chic dining

**A** restaurant with a healthy outlook on food opened this summer at the Bucuti Beach Resort & Tara Suites. Elements, open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, has a premier beachfront locale, with spaciouly placed tables inside and on the deck affording diners ample privacy and elbow room.

The intriguing iPad menu contains four different food concepts—World Cuisine, Vegan & Vegetarian, Natural & Vegetarian, and Romantic Dining—with Executive Chef Kurt Hoffman's culinary artistry exhibited in each dish.

The entire experience captures the essence of casual Caribbean sophistication.



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## Radisson debuts Biba Aruba Festival

On Tuesday evenings, all roads lead to the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa pool deck as the new Biba Aruba Festival unfolds at sunset. A bountiful feast, steel-pan music, Carnival dancers, a brass band, fire-eaters, twin acrobats, and stilt walkers come together for a spectacular Caribbean show under the stars. Guests come early and leave late, feasting in between on chef-prepared food offerings, including barbecued boneless chicken, spare ribs, chorizo with chimichuri, authentic seafood paella, corn on the cob, baked beans, potato salad, and coleslaw, with bottomless tropical cocktails and libations to wash it all down. Some guests frolic in the pool between bites; some get up to dance. A great number of the Island's artisans load up their displays at the edge of the pool deck with handmade souvenirs, cigars, and jewelry, welcoming browsers and shoppers as the kids are entertained in the jumping castle. The atmosphere is truly relaxed and fun as the sun sets on another glorious Caribbean vacation day.



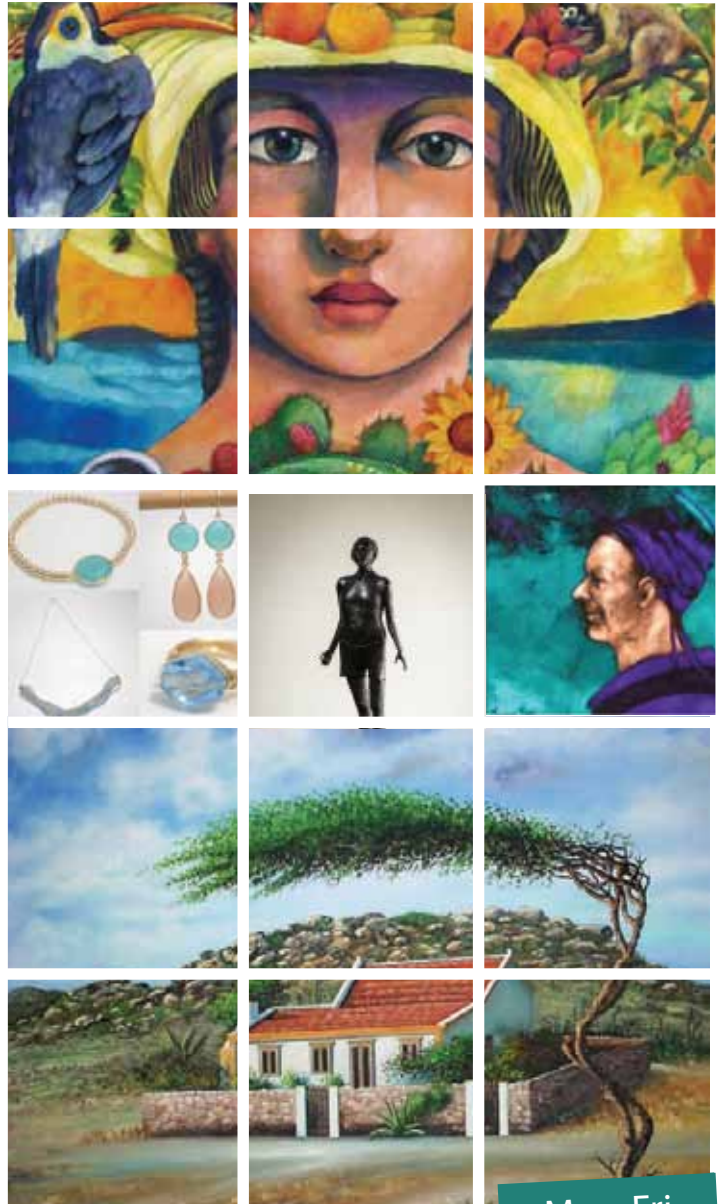




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## Marriott's Great Room takes lobby bar concept to new heights

The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino introduced its Great Room late this summer. The concept has transformed the lobby bar space to an integrated lobby/bar/dining approach, allowing for a more dynamic space and a more vibrant guest experience.

The Great Room design invites guests to meet, gather, and chill over traditional and handcrafted cocktails, as well as nosh on menu items geared for both taste and timing (the menu features temptations that take 5, 10, or 15 minutes to prepare).

Martini lovers take note: Every day from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, flavored martinis are two for \$10! Live music can be enjoyed Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 7 pm to 10 pm.





# Marriott

## unveils ballroom renovations

The Marriott Aruba Resort & Stellaris Casino unveiled its newly renovated Grand Ballroom this September. The 1.5-million-dollar investment yielded a beautiful space tastefully reflecting a tropical sense of place. The ballroom foyer boasts a dimensional paint scheme and upgraded skylights, making it an ideal venue for welcome receptions.



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## Diamonds International features The Fifth Season collection by Roberto Coin

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It is the most informal expression of the world of Roberto Coin, with a charming touch added—Italian jewels made at The Fifth Season factory in Vicenza.

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# Menu *temptations*

## RESTAURANT GUIDE

On the following pages, a selection  
of our favorite restaurants & menus



# Menu Temptations

## MEXICADO



Mexicado is an intimate, friendly dining experience environment featuring a selection of regional dishes showcasing Mexico's most inspiring flavors. The truly authentic restaurant offers an array of elevated market food items, an extensive tequila selection and a list of handcrafted tequila cocktails. Outdoor lounge, tequila bar and restaurant seating available.

### Start your meal off with...

#### QUESO FUNDIDO CON CHORIZO

Melted cheese, crumbled chorizo, flour tortillas

#### BORRACHO SHRIMP SALAD

Avocado filled with shrimp, chipotle cocktail sauce with tequila

#### EMPANADAS DE CARNE

Corn pastries filled with marinated beef, black beans and salsa roja

#### CEVICHE

Colima Ceviche, Ceviche de Camarones al Tamarindo, Alcachofas y Zetas Ceviche

### Main Attractions

#### CASUELA A LA VERACRUZANA

Red snapper fillet in banana leaves braised Veracruz style with tomato, capers, olives, bell peppers and herbs

#### MOLE DE OLLA

Traditional beef stew with seasonal vegetables and epazote

#### CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

Rolled tortillas with shredded chicken, queso blanco, red sauce, sour cream and charro beans

#### FAJITAS DE CAMARON

Tequila shrimp with Poblano chile, cilantro, onions, peppers and pico de gallo

#### DORADO TACOS

Pan seared Mahi, chipotle mayonnaise, avocado, cabbage and blue corn tortilla

### Desserts

#### PASTEL TRES LECHES

Sponge cake soaked with sweetened milk

#### CHURROS

Mexican cruller with chocolate sauce

### and much more...

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## Dining Information

#### HOURS

Dinner daily except Mondays, 6pm-10:30pm

#### RESERVATIONS

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## FOOTPRINTS BEACH GRILL



Celebrate another perfect day in paradise with an unforgettable dinner at Footprints. This exclusive restaurant—only a limited number of tables are available each evening—offers fine dining while you wiggle your toes in the soft white sand. Enjoy the sounds of the sea as the attentive staff serves a delicious 4-course dinner, featuring

their renowned grilled entrees with your choice of beef, fish, fresh seafood and more. Finish a delightful evening with a tempting dessert and your favorite cocktail or wine from the hotel's extensive selection.

### Start your meal off with...

#### First Steps

##### BEEF PINCHOS WITH CHIMICHURI

##### GRILLED PRAWNS

Roasted Cashew, Mango Cilantro Coulis

##### PERUVIAN CEVICHE

Served with Patacon

#### Second Step

##### MIXED GREENS

Cucumber, Avocado, Hearts of Palm, Tomato, Balsamic Vinaigrette

##### ARUBAN FISH CHOWDER WITH CRISP ONIONS

##### CAESAR SALAD WITH BACON

Parmesan and Ciabata Croutons

#### Entrees

##### BLACKENED MAHI MAHI

Garlic Cassava Oil, and Madame Jeanette Papaya

##### SEARED GROUPER

Stir-Fry Rice Pasta, Vegetables with Tamari Sauce

##### GRILLED NEW YORK STEAK

Caribbean Mashed Potato, Stir-Fry Okra and Peppercorn Sauce

##### SEAFOOD PEPPER POT

Shrimps, Scallops, Green Mussels, Baby Clams with Aruban Funchi

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#### Desserts

##### CARIBBEAN PASSION FRUIT CRÈME BRÛLÉE

##### COCONUT MOUSSE CAKE WITH VANILLA SAUCE

##### DECADENT CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH BERRY COMPOTE

### and much more...

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## Dining Information

#### HOURS

Daily 6:30p.m. to 10:00pm, nightly except Tuesday

#### RESERVATIONS

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## PALMS RESTAURANT



# Palms



Feel the warmth at our premier beach front location. Palms offers both the sights and tastes of the Caribbean. Drawing upon local cuisine and regional ingredients, the menu allows guests to linger long into the night over a variety of delicious dishes. Indoor and outdoor seating, as well as adjacent lounge for before and after cocktails.

### Start your meal off with...

#### TRADITIONAL COBB SALAD

Grilled chicken, smoked bacon, egg, avocado, blue cheese, tomatoes, tossed with lemon-Dijon dressing

#### MAPLE-LIME MARINATED SALMON SALAD

Sustainable salmon, spinach, frisee, radish, green beans, egg, mustard dressing

#### BLACKENED FISH TACO

Local grouper, guacamole, shredded cabbage, pico de gallo, Texas beans

### Main Attractions

#### MEYER NATURAL ANGUS BURGER

Aged white cheddar, horseradish sauce, onion jam on a brioche bun

#### GRILLED WAHOO

Local catch grilled with Aruban Creole sauce, island rice

#### ROASTED SALMON

Sustainable salmon, with green vegetables and balsamic vinaigrette

#### MUSHROOM RISOTTO

Aruban cultivated mushrooms and spinach, parmesan cheese

#### WHOLE WHEAT LINGUINE

Shrimp, asparagus, fresh parsley, and roasted garlic oil

### Desserts

#### TIRAMISU

With Coffee Cream Kahlua Liqueur

#### LAVA CAKE

Dutch Chocolate Lava Cake vanilla Ice Cream and Ganache sauce

#### CHEESE CAKE DUO

Cheese Cake and Brownies with Berry Compote, Chantilly and fresh berries

### and much more...

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### Dining Information

**HOURS:** Open for lunch daily, 11:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Open for Sunday breakfast, 7:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Open for dinner daily except Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Late night menu 11:00 p.m. – 12 midnight

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## RUINAS DEL MAR



# RUINAS del MAR



Ruins by the Sea, is Hyatt Regency Aruba's signature restaurant offering contemporary cuisine in an open air environment. Guests are invited to enjoy menu items such as fresh seafood and steaks, hearth oven specialties, and a display of multiple food stations offering breakfast, Sunday Brunch, and special events. The design of Ruinas del Mar pays homage to several original Aruban architectural elements including caliche stone and the use of water in design

### Start your meal off with...

#### CLASSIC CAESAR SALAD

White Anchovy, Parmesan, Herb Focaccia Croutons

#### DUTCH ONION SOUP

Spek, Sweet Onions, Gouda Gratinée

#### CLASSIC SHRIMP COCKTAIL

American & European Cocktail Sauce, Fresh Citrus

### Main Attractions

#### HEARTH ROASTED BREAST OF CHICKEN

Classic Mirepoix, Baby Criollo Potatoes, French Beans Almandine, Herb Chicken Jus

#### KANSAS STRIP STEAK

Sautéed Spinach, Wild Mushroom Ragout, Gouda Whipped Potatoes, Cabernet Reduction

#### SAUTÉED GROUPER FILLET IN BROWN BUTTER

Roasted Almonds, French Beans, Roasted Potato Hash, Brown Sugar Rum Jezebel

#### CIGAR BOX CEDAR SALMON FILLET

French Beans, Baby Criollo Potatoes, Roasted Tomato, Lemon Thyme Confit

#### CLASSIC DUO

Six ounce grilled Filet Mignon, Gouda Whipped Potato, Peruvian Asparagus, five butter poached shrimp or split Caribbean lobster tail

### Desserts

#### TIRAMISU

With Coffee Cream Kahlua Liqueur

#### LAVA CAKE

Dutch Chocolate Lava Cake vanilla Ice Cream and Ganache sauce

#### CHEESE CAKE DUO

Cheese Cake and Brownies with Berry Compote, Chantilly and fresh berries

### and much more...

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### Dining Information

#### HOURS

Open for breakfast daily except Sundays, 7:00 – 12noon.

Open for dinner daily except Sunday, 5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Open Sundays for Brunch, \$43.95 p.p./ s.c. + tax, 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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### Start your meal off with... Appetizers from \$6 to \$16

#### TOM KIA CAI SOUP

Thai chicken coconut soup with shitake mushrooms

#### TUNA TARTARE

Marinated ahi tuna served with avocado and wasabi mayonnaise

#### THAI BEEF

Marinated beef served with cucumber, fried onions and peanut sauce

#### YAKITORIS

Combination skewers of shrimp, tuna, beef & chicken served with teriyaki sauce

#### SUSHI COMBO

House platter with California roll, Nigiri and Niki sushi

### Main Attractions

Main courses from \$15 to \$25

#### SALMON UMAMI

Served with coconut lemon grass red curry sauce

#### CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA

Aromatic Indian chicken curry with vegetables

#### SPICY BEEF

Wok fried beef with bell pepper, green cabbage, cashew nuts & oyster chili sauce

#### SINGAPORE SPICY NOODLES

Egg noodles blended with shrimps, shitake mushroom & mix vegetables

#### GINGER PLATTER

Combination of spicy beef, chicken sate & tempura shrimp

### Desserts

Desserts from \$5 to \$7

#### GINGER LEMON CREAM

Lemon mousse enhanced with sake wine & candied ginger

### and much more...

All prices are in US dollar. 15% service charge plus 1.5% local tax will be added to each check. Prices and menu items are subject to change without notice.

### Dining Information

#### HOURS

Open 7 days a week from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

#### RESERVATIONS

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## SCREAMING EAGLE

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### Start your meal off with...

#### DUET OF CRAB

Lump crab cake, stone crab claw, lemon butter caper sauce, grilled sourdough bread..... \$17.00

#### CARPACCIO

Certified Angus Beef @ filet, tossed wakame, pine nuts, miso vinaigrette..... \$14.00

#### APPLEWOOD SMOKED STEAK

Certified Angus Beef @steak, baby spinach, mushrooms, crispy onions, asparagus, fresh ground black pepper-bacon vinaigrette..... \$15.00

### Main Attractions

FILET MIGNON, 10 OZ..... \$36.00

KANSAS CITY BONE -IN STRIP, 16 OZ..... \$37.00

VEAL CHOP, 14 OZ..... \$43.00

#### SURF & TURF

5oz Certified Angus Beef @ filet mignon, half lobster..... \$41.00

#### SEAFOOD MIGNON

5oz Certified Angus Beef @ filet mignon, fresh pasta, shrimp, scallops, Madame Jeanette lobster sauce..... \$36.00

#### VEGETABLE WELLINGTON

Broccoli, zucchini, yellow squash, mushrooms, spinach, wine sauce..... \$17.00

All entrees are served with your choice of two side dishes which include: truffled creamed, corn creamed spinach, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, sauteed mushrooms, steak fries, Idaho baked potato, rice and asparagus spears.

### Desserts

OUR TRADITIONAL CRÈME BRÛLÉE..... \$7.00

FRESHLY BAKED MANGO CRUMBLE..... \$8.00

SWEETEST TABOO..... \$10.00

L.G. SMITH'S SIGNATURE MASCARPONE TART..... \$12.00

### and much more...

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### Dining Information

#### HOURS: Dinner 5:30 to 11:00 p.m., Monday to Sunday

Live entertainment by the popular saxophonist "El Prove" every Saturday from 6:30pm Dinner and a movie at The Cinema's at Renaissance Marketplace seatings at 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

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## TEXAS DE BRAZIL



Texas de Brazil is an authentic Brazilian-American style steakhouse, the ultimate in continuous dining concepts. Diners are tempted by an extravagant 40-item seasonal salad area of roasted vegetables, imported cheeses and home-made soups. Hailed for its "flawless meats" by the Dallas Morning News, carvers will then swarm your table with choice cuts of sizzling beef, pork, lamb, sausage and chicken; all flamegrilled to perfection and served tableside on large sword-like skewers. Signature Brazilian cocktails, rare wines, exquisite desserts, and hand-rolled Cuban cigars make for the most incredible dining experience that is uniquely Texas de Brazil.



### Start your meal off with...

#### SALAD BAR

The exceptional salad bar consists of the freshest salads, home-made dressings, buffalo mozzarella, zucchini, potato salad, crab salad, daily cold pasta, black beans with pork, baby corn, cucumbers, portabella mushrooms, sweet bell peppers, green beans, broccoli, olives, hearts of palm, sushi, ceviche, salami, tomatoes, smoked bacon, brown rice, imported cheeses, daily house soups and more.

### Main Attractions

#### MEATS

Filet mignon, filet mignon wrapped in bacon, top sirloin, leg of lamb, Brazilian sausage, Parmesan pork, chicken breast wrapped in bacon, Brazilian picanha, garlic picanha (our house specialty), flank steak, crispy chicken drum sticks, pork loin, pork ribs and beef ribs.

#### SIDE ITEMS

Garlic mashed potatoes, fried sweet bananas, Brazilian cheese bread and house specialty meat sauces.

### Desserts

Selection of desserts ranging from delicious cakes to papaya cream, our house specialty!

### and much more...

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## Dining Information

#### HOURS

Dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. nightly Monday to Saturday  
Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

#### RESERVATIONS

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### Breakfast

#### EGGS & OMELETS

American Breakfast, Aruba Breakfast, Creole or Western Omelet and more..... **From \$5.95**

#### PANCAKES & FRENCH TOAST

With your choice of seasonal fruits or berries..... **From \$6.00**

#### BELGIAN WAFFLES & CREPES

Crepe Montecristo layered with roast turkey, cured ham, Cheddar and Monterey Jack cheeses..... **From \$5.00**

#### FRUITS & CEREALS

### Lunch

#### APPETIZERS, SOUPS & SALADS, BURGERS, SANDWICHES & WRAPS

**From \$7.00**

### Dinner

#### APPETIZERS, SOUPS & SALADS, SEAFOOD & PASTA, STEAKS

Spicy Caribbean Seafood Pasta, Filet of Grouper topped with fresh mango salsa, steamed asparagus, Ribeye or NY Strip Sirloin **Appetizers from \$7**  
Steak with apple wood smoked bacon bleu cheese butter..... **Main courses from \$15**

### Bar Menu

#### APPETIZERS, BURGERS, SANDWICHES

Beef Carpaccio, Chips & Dips, Crispy Wings, Buffalo Shrimp, Quesadillas..... **From \$7.00**

### and much more...

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## Dining Information

#### HOURS

Breakfast, served 8:00 am to 11:00 am  
Lunch, served 11:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Dinner, served from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm  
Bar Menu, served all day, 11:00 am to 11:00 pm

#### RESERVATIONS

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# Menu Temptations

## SUNSET GRILLE



Join us for an evening at the AAA four-diamond Sunset Grille, featuring the best selection of USDA Certified Angus Beef and amazingly fresh seafood, all prepared under the watchful eye of our culinary artists. The recently refreshed restaurant prides itself on the quality of its food and the excellence of its service. Reservations required.

### Start your meal off with...

SEARED YELLOWFIN TUNA Black & white sesame crust, nori, pickled ginger & soy.....	\$15.50
GRILLED DIVER SCALLOPS Green asparagus, herb sauce & fried capers.....	\$16.00
LOBSTER BISQUE Lobster tail meat & asparagus tips.....	\$12.00
MARTINI CHOPPED SALAD Apple, walnuts, heart of palm, tomato, cucumber, boiled egg, olives shaken in a Chopin vodka ranch dressing.....	\$14.50

### Main Attractions

CHILEAN SEA BASS Miso marinated with spinach, soy, garlic, ginger & asparagus.....	\$33.00
BAKED STUFFED SHRIMP Lump crab meat, garlic-herb crumbs, spaghetti & pomodoro sauce.....	\$31.50
CHARCOAL GRILL 22oz PORTERHOUSE STEAK, SURF & TURF, 12oz NEW YORK STRIP LOIN, 16oz RIB EYE, FILET MIGNON & PETITE FILET MIGNON 100 % certified American Black Angus beef served with a choice of aromatic butter, chimichurri sauce, peppercorn-sauce or béarnaise, and a great selection of unique sides a la carte.....	from \$34.00
VEAL TENDERLOIN A LA OSCAR Spinach, asparagus, snow crab meat & béarnaise sauce.....	\$36.00
SAUTEED FREE RANGE CHICKEN BREAST Mushrooms, shallots, white wine & cream.....	\$29.00

### and much more...

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### Dining Information

**HOURS**  
Seven days a week  
Dinner: 6:00 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Mira Solo Martini & Wine Bar: till 12midnight, weekends till 1am

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### Start your meal off with...

COCONUT SHRIMP Golden brown battered shrimp coated with shredded island coconut.....	\$10.00
TUNA NICOISE Tuna, mixed greens, French green beans, boiled egg, tomato, potatoes, calamata olives & lemon vinaigrette.....	\$15.00
BLACKENED MAHI-MAHI SANDWICH Lettuce, avocado, tomato, tartar sauce.....	\$14.00

### Main Attractions

GARLIC SHRIMP Grilled marinated shrimp, served with a garlic butter sauce.....	\$17.00
THE COMBO Baby back ribs, jerk chicken and grilled shrimp.....	\$21.00
SIZZLING FAJITA Stir-fried beef or chicken along with onions, bell peppers, sour cream, guacamole, pica de gallo and tortillas .....	\$17.00
GRILLED NEW YORK STEAK 12 .oz sirloin steak served with vegetables and French fries.....	\$25.00
CLASSIC PIZZAS Pepperoni, Margherita, Italian.....	\$13.00 - \$15.00
NEW WORLD PIZZAS Seabreeze, Jerk Chicken, Meat-lovers.....	\$17.00 - \$19.00

### Dessert

CHOCOLATE FUDGE BROWNIE & VANILLA ICE CREAM.....	\$7.00
GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE.....	\$7.00
CHEESE CAKE.....	\$7.00

### and much more...

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Additional gratuities at your discretion. Prices and menu items are subject to change.

### Dining Information

**HOURS**  
All day dining, 7 days a week, 11:00am - 11:00pm  
Daily Happy Hour, 4-6pm

**RESERVATIONS**  
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## IKE'S BISTRO



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### Start your meal off with...

#### CAPRESE AND PESTO

Buffalo mozzarella, tomato, orange, basil mousse

#### CRAB CAKE

Lump crab cake, fresh made aioli, mixed greens, kalamata olives, feta cheese and cherry tomatoes

#### WHITE GAZPACHO

Cold refreshing white leek soup, infused with fresh herbs

#### SCALLOPS AND CORN

Grilled scallops served with corn puree and orange vinaigrette

### Main Attractions

#### SHRIMP A LA BRAVA

Slightly spicy shrimp, boiled potatoes, fresh basil, creamy spicy sauce, grilled pita bread

#### SEA BASS

Pan seared sea bass with sautéed spinach, guinoa salad and yoghurt pomegranate salsa

#### LAMB

Crusted lamb chops, couscous mint, green beans, corn and creamy pesto sauce

#### LAND & SEA

Grilled filet of beef & sautéed shrimp with garlic mashed potato, creamy spinach and lobster sauce

### Desserts

#### ORANGE CATALANA

Vanilla custard flavored with orange zest topped with a hard caramel layer

#### PASSION FRUIT PARFAIT AND BERRIES

Passion fruit parfait, wild berries, mint sauce and strawberry ice cream

### and much more...

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### Dining Information

#### HOURS

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

#### RESERVATIONS

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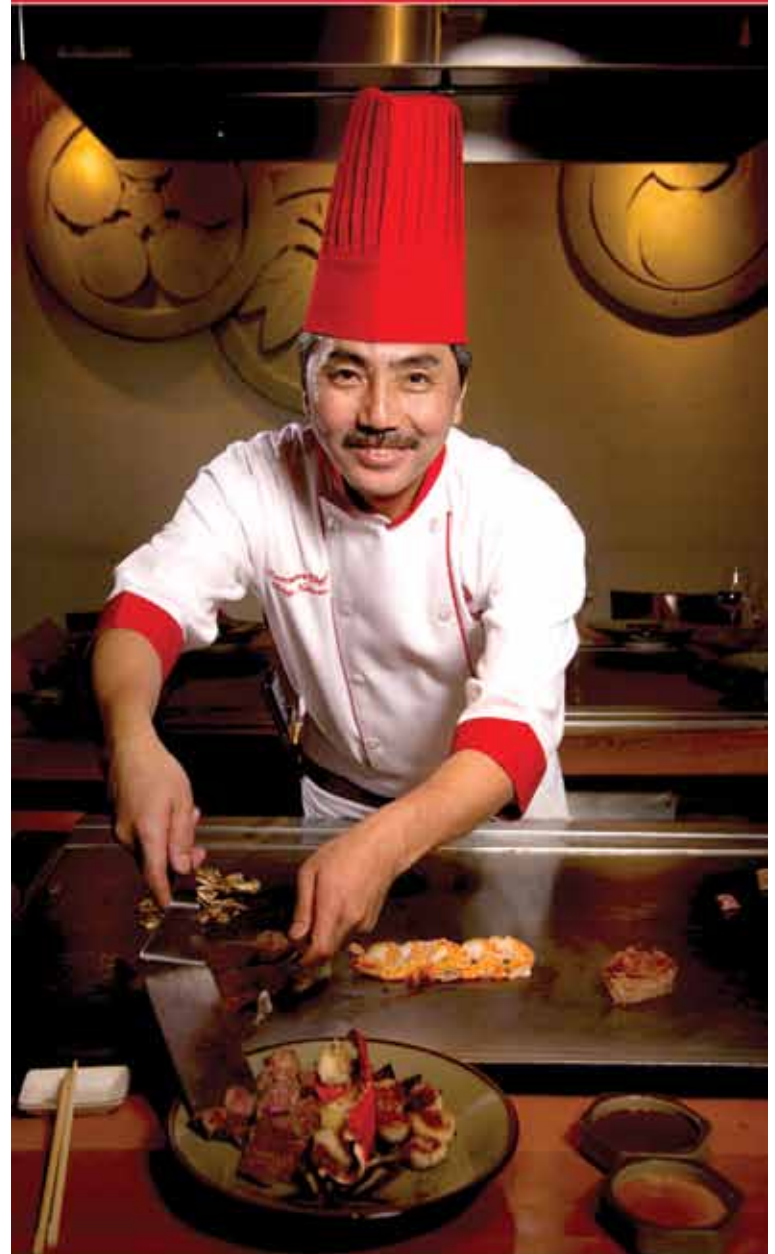
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